

Therapy Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
9/2/15 8:30

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: DR. BETH ENNIS, CHAIR (PT)

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIA CONFERENCE CALL: LESLIE SIZEMORE (OT), LINDA DEROSSETT (OT), LINDA GREGORY (SLP).

MEMBERS ABSENT: BETHANY BERRY (SLP), CHARLIE WORKMAN, (PT)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: CJ JONES (DMS), JEANA JOLLY (DMS), MARY HIEATT (HUMANA CARE SOURCE), PEGGY HAGAN (ANTHEM), KATHLEEN RYAN (ANTHEM).

OTHERS ON CONFERENCE CALL: SCOTT SAGESER (ASSOCIATES IN PEDIATRIC THERAPY), BRANDY CLOSE (KIDSPOT)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: NO CORRECTIONS: ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN.

PREVIOUS MEETING ISSUES:

EPSDT – Chair provided the update that EPSDT Transition has been postponed and that providers could revert back to their OLD EPSDT numbers. Asked if the MCO Branch had sent anything to MCO's on reverting back, DMS staff was not aware of any communication but read from Provider Letter entitled "Prior Authorizations for Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies" dated July 9, 2015 from Veronica Cecil, DMS Chief of Staff. (Attached)

CERTIFICATE OF NEED – Draft regulation released. Chair noted there are still issues for small providers. State Associations are discussing during the comment period.

BILLING ISSUE WITH CAREWISE/HP – TIMES VS VISIT CODES – Still seeing issues with Carewise, preauthorizing in number of units as number of visits. Chair will send examples to DMS. 92570 is being billing in units for waiver recipients, when it should be a visit code. Chair will send examples to DMS. Discussions with Carewise/HP state request to change needs to come from cabinet. Will forward to MAC at Sept. meeting.

SPEECH CFY AND LICENSE – Chair provided an update. Associations sent information from other states to Veronica Cecil. Chair wants to take these issues to the MAC.

Therapist/Assistant differential: still an issue and now more of the MCOs are trying to use it, which will result in provision of services only happening in hospital based clinics. Will forward request to address to MAC, as we have not heard from Cabinet on requests to address this issue.

NEW CONCERNS:

Passport – Submitting clean claims with authorization attached and getting denials until they follow up. Passport acknowledges that it is a system issue they are working on. Other issues include referrals required from Primary Care providers when Specialist was involved in care. Members will send specific examples to Chair, who will reach out to Passport representative. WellCare/CareCore – Limitation of 7 days post service on Recert. If past 7 days, have to bring in patient free of charge if he/she misses an appointment. Chair asked for examples before next meeting. Also home health visits counted as PT/OT visits. Chair acknowledged it is challenging because of the same codes, Place of Service needs to be reviewed.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER MAC:

Speech CFY

Therapist/Assistant Differential

Timed/Visit code issues

NEXT MEETING: November 4, 2015, 8:30 am.

ADJOURNED